

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 15 with the following replacement paragraph.

--For example, PLATO Learning Systems, currently having a website at the URL www.plato.com World Wide Web address of “plato.com,” began in 1963 with Control Data and University of Illinois using a grant from the National Science Foundation to develop technology and content for a mainframe computer based instructional system. In 1986 with the growth of personal computer technology, the PLATO courseware library and management systems were modified for delivery via local area networks. Starting in the 1990’s the PLATO technology became available over wide area networks, such as the public wide area network commonly referred to as the Internet. When delivered over the Internet, courses are sometimes referred to as having “e-learning” content.--.

Please replace the Abstract with the following replacement Abstract:

--A method for optimizing dependencies for a set of objects includes: automatically detecting dependencies among a set of objects, where each of the objects in the set includes at least one linkable file; adding the detected dependencies to a dependency list; and removing dependencies from the dependency list for any object that does not have at least one file dependency. The method optionally includes removing unused files from the set of objects, breaking a selected object into smaller objects, and making a file having a large number of dependencies into its own object. ~~A method for providing a tutorial using a set of objects having dependencies includes developing a course from an initial set of objects each including at least one linkable file. The initial set of objects is improved for at least one of the transmission and storage by the automatic detection of dependency information with regards to the initial sets of objects. This dependency information is preferably used to improve the performance of the set of objects by at least one of modifying, removing, splitting, and forming objects.~~--.